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Mr. Lowell Braxton
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Dear Mr. Braxton:

On 02/13/90 a meeting was held at the Vernal District Office to discuss implementation of the 09/05/89 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) concerning regulation of minerals mining and reclamation. Members of the Vernal District Office minerals staff met with Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos and Holland Shepherd of your office and David Ariotti of the Utah Division of Environmental Health. The meeting was quite productive and several issues arose which may require further discussion between DOGM and the BLM State Office. Briefly, the issues concern differences in the periods of review for notices and plans under BLM regulations and small and large mining operations under DOGM regulations, circumstances where BLM and DOGM levels of permitting may differ, and bonding.

There was discussion concerning interagency communication. Within the Vernal District Office, the Resource Area Managers are delegated to accept notices and approve plans of operations. Usually the Resource Area geologists will review notices and plans for adequacy and as part of this process will notify DOGM of such filings. Usually the initial contact with DOGM will be a telephone call to one of the Technical Staff. Copies of notices and plans filed with the Vernal District Office will be sent to your attention. Likewise, if DOGM is in receipt of an SMO or LMO application on mining claims or sites on Federal land in the Vernal District, please inform the appropriate Area Manager as soon as possible. Copies of applications should be directed to the appropriate Area Manager. The Vernal District Resource Area Managers and geologists are as follows:

<u>Resource Area</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Book Cliffs	Paul Andrews	Area Manager	789-1362
Book Cliffs	Richard Wilson	Area Geologist	789-1362
Diamond Mountain	Ron Trogstad	Area Manager	789-1362
Diamond Mountain	Dave Plume	Area Geologist	789-1362

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A map delineating BLM District and Resource Area boundaries is enclosed for your convenience.

The Resource Areas should also be contacted when DOGM Technical Staff plan to inspect exploration, SMO's or LMO's on mining claims or sites, so joint inspections may be made. Under a new Bureau policy, operations will be inspected at least twice a year and more frequently if cyanide leaching is involved and to insure incidents of noncompliance are rectified. Instances of noncompliance should be communicated in the same manner as information about filings of intent to operate.

Even before the MOU was finalized, there was open communication between our two offices and a good working relationship was established. I know that this atmosphere of cooperation will continue.

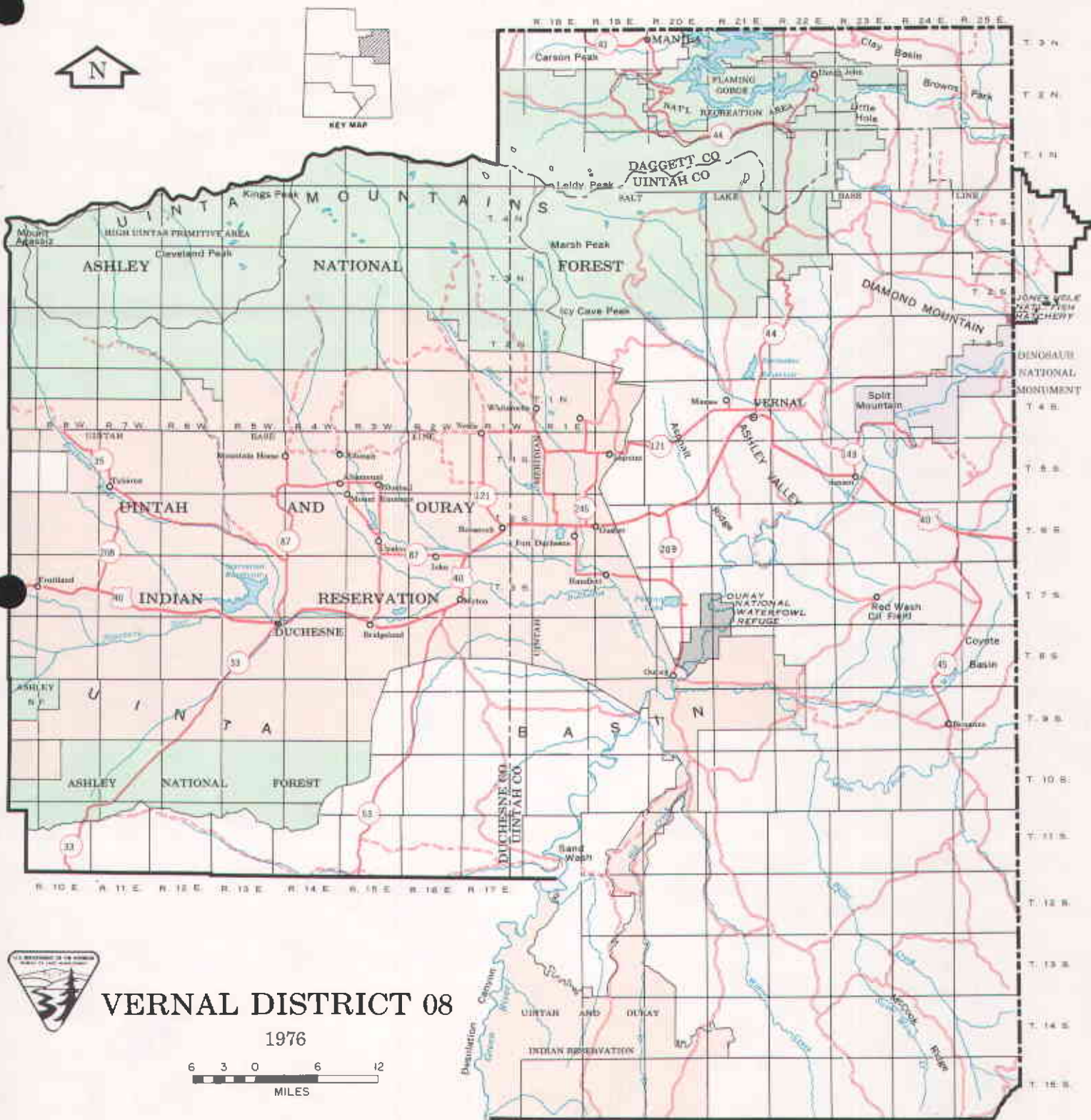
If you have any questions, please contact Peter Sokolosky with the Vernal District Office. Peter has oversight of solid minerals within the District.

Sincerely,

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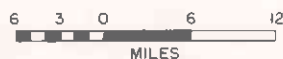
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The Book Cliffs Resource Area is south and east of the Green River and the Diamond Mountain Resource Area encompasses the remaining area.